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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT AND FILM FESTIVAL; AMBASSADOR'S
CALL AT MFA/CULTDIV

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1. I CALLED ON AMBASSADOR VOLSKIY LATE DECEMBER 18 IN
REGARD TO HIS REQUEST EARLIER IN DAY (SEPTTEL) TO DISCUSS
BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT. CHURLIN AND FILATOV ALSO PRESENT AND
CAO NOAH ACCOMPANIED ME.

2. VOLSKIY INFORMED ME THAT MINISTRY AGREED TO OUR PRO-
POSAL IN PRINCIPLE AND HOPED WE ALSO CONCURRED IN SOVIET
NATIONAL EXHIBITION IN 1977 "ON OCCASION OF 60TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF OCTOBER REVOLUTION." DETAILS SUCH AS LOCATION,
SPACE, AND CONDITIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN UP WITH CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE.

3. I EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MINISTRY'S AGREEMENT IN
PRINCIPLE AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF EXHIBIT IN CONNECTION
WITH OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS. I ALSO WELCOMED
SOVIET NATIONAL EXHIBIT WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED IN
PRINCIPLE FOR 1977 AND EXPRESSED US INTEREST IN HAVING
FURTHER DETAILS AT ANY EARLY DATE. I COMMENTED THAT
EMBASSY NOTE HAD SUGGESTED VDNK AS SUITABLE LOCATION;
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VOLSKIY SAID CHAMBER WOULD DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS.

4. I RAISED PROPOSAL FOR FILM FESTIVAL DISCUSSED
DECEMBER 15 WITH KORNIYENKO, DESCRIBING IT AS APPROXIMATELY
ONE WEEK RETROSPECTIVE INCLUDING FILMS FROM CLASSICS TO
PRESENT AND TAKING PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH JOINT SEMI-
NAR OF FILM EXPERTS. I HOPED WE COULD AGREE IN PRINCIPLE
ON FESTIVAL AS WELL. VOLSKIY COMMENTED MINISTRY WOULD
GIVE PROPOSAL CAREFUL STUDY AND SAID QUESTION WILL TAKE SOME
TIME TO RESOLVE. I NOTED NEED FOR REPLY AS SOON AS POSSI-
BLE BECAUSE FESTIVAL WOULD BE COMPLICATED TO ARRANGE.

5. IN DISCUSSING FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE WHICH MARKED
WASHINGTON EXCHANGES TALKS AND CURRENT INITIATIVES IN
CULTURAL EXCHANGES, I COMMENTED THAT WE WOULD HAVE A
NUMBER OF PROPOSALS TO FOLLOW UP CSCE FINAL ACT. VOLSKIY
TOOK NOTE OF COMMENT AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH STATE
FO EXCHANGES AT PRESENT.

6. COMMENT: REASON FOR CULT DIV. MANNER OF REPLY TO EMBASSY
EXHIBIT PROPOSAL NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, BUT MAY HAVE BEEN TO
EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF SOVIET EXHIBIT AS DESCRIBED PARA 2.
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